

REMARKS

Reconsideration of the Application respectfully is requested. A Petition for Extension of Time (one month) with the appropriate fee is being filed concurrently herewith. For the reasons indicated in detail hereafter the Application is urged to be in condition for allowance.

As requested by the Examiner, additional information concerning the characteristics that are inherently exhibited by the new 'Meimiros' variety has been diligently sought and is provided to the extent available. Such information is provided in the Substitute Specification filed herewith. It respectfully is pointed out that those skilled in plant technology will have no difficulty in identifying plants of the 'Meimiros' variety in view of Applicant's detailed Specification and photograph. The withdrawal of the rejection under 35 U.S.C. § 112 is urged to be in order and is respectfully requested.

If any additional information is required please contact the undersigned attorney so that the matter can be discussed and resolved at a personal interview.

Respectfully submitted,

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